

Department of Correction Announces Merge Between Indiana State Prison and Lakeside Correctional Facility

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Indianapolis, (September 9, 2005) - The Department of Correction recently announced the merge between [Lakeside Correctional Facility](#) and [Indiana State Prison](#), effective September 10th. Both facilities are located on the same property and will be managed by Superintendent Ed Buss.

"In an effort to be more efficient and cost-effective to meet Governor Daniels' challenge of running this agency, the Department has decided to consolidate two of its co-located facilities," said J. David Donahue, Commissioner of the Department. "The operational impact creates competencies, allows for an expansion in shared services and lends to a continuous improvement process in running our facilities," said Donahue.

"Superintendent Ed Buss brings effective management techniques and energy to his new role. And with the hard work and dedication of our employees, this transition will be seamless," added Donahue.

A transition team has been formed consisting of staff from both facilities. Employees are engaged in exchanging information and ideas, comparing programs, procedures and operation issues to ensure a smooth transition.

"The consolidation will provide a great opportunity for the staff from both facilities to become operationally effective and to better service the community. We share a common goal, and in some areas the facilities are duplicating tasks, which will be eliminated for better fiscal management," said Ed Buss, Superintendent of the Indiana State Prison.

Lakeside Correctional Facility opened in 1990 on the south side of the prison grounds and historically housed medium to low security level offenders. Once the consolidation is complete, Lakeside Facility will become a housing unit of the Indiana State Prison with minimum-security offenders. The offenders

will continue to maintain the grounds.

The Indiana State Prison was built in 1860 and is the Department's oldest facility. The prison is classified as a maximum security facility.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.